





But until within the last year  
 or two we considered the scheme  
 incomplete & the method defective  
 because a liberal education should  
 be like the air - free to all; whereas  
 the cost of books & the difficulties <sup>offered by</sup>  
 literary language appeared to stand  
 in the way of elementary schools.

Gov. Sir, will rejoice to hear that  
 both of these difficulties have  
 been removed ~~with a~~ <sup>best</sup> ~~possible~~ <sup>possible</sup>  
 effort. Children of eight in the  
 C. S. of a mining village in the West Riding  
 possess their sheets in about  
 a dozen good books, some of them  
 big books, which in course of time  
 they read & learn all through. After  
 a term's work they answered the questions  
 at length, say, half a page, a page or a  
 page & a half of text. "And the teacher!"

because the book would seem  
always to explain itself.

The support & encouragement  
of ~~the West Riding County Council~~

of small importance; what really matters  
is that ~~the~~ this has known & has grown  
as what they found have read







The ~~type~~ <sup>information</sup> ~~should~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~given~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~teachers~~ <sup>like</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~organ~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~letter~~ <sup>the</sup>;  
 The ~~expense~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~small~~.

The cost of books has been for years a hopeless difficulty in the way of introducing this humanitarian work in schools, but at last we see our way, partly through a capital "suggestion" offered by the Edut. Dept. - that for a class of 40 ch., it would be better to have 10 books of each of 4 books than 40 books of one. We are able to give 3 books of attack on the tapping question of "Many good books" some are provided for the whole class, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~fourth~~ <sup>the</sup> fourth of the reg. no. of other books is supplied & of the same expense & more considerable ~~regimes~~ <sup>regimes</sup> a single copy, used by the teacher supplies. Thus, at an initial cost of to a school of 150 ch. <sup>might</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>made</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>most</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>books</sup> <sup>last</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>years</sup>, <sup>on</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>average</sup>.





To the  
Editor of Education

Dear Sir

Thank you for your courteous notice  
of note 30<sup>th</sup>. It happens to be well timed for  
I have a work on hand, practically  
completed & I am hesitating as to  
what publisher I should offer it to, for it seems  
to me to be a work of some importance.

I had not thought of offering it to  
you, but I am sure for the  
label of producing educational works  
but if you should prove to be interested  
it might well prove a good thing for  
the book to be in the hands of publishers  
whose educational works have not found  
a little sale.

Urdine, a Liberal Education

is the title, such I have given to it because  
of the extraordinary work undertaken which  
I have been watching for a year or two in  
the case of  
a Council School in a mining village in  
Shropshire. The County Council is rather keen  
about the matter & I am therefore, prepared



the complete lesson papers - worked by  
 ch. of various ages (from six to eighteen)  
 These in examination set at the end  
 of a term on the reading of the terms.

It seems to me that these papers should  
 be of much use in helping people see  
 the wide range of subjects which children  
 cover with joy & the original thought which  
 they bring to bear on their work. It  
 seems to me that one of our educational  
 failures is that all side work is done in  
 earnest. The ~~method~~ <sup>character</sup> of these papers  
 is distinctly interesting.

I am sending in advance the  
 letter to the Times, a pamphlet  
 (and part of the work) describing the  
 method in question. + two or  
 3 sets of other ex. papers.

It is just possible that the whole  
 scheme may fall in with your own thought  
 & that you may be very interested in it.  
 But in the case, it will give me much  
 pleasure to send you the complete work  
 for your consideration.



Letter asks the  
publication of Undine